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SUBJECT: STATUS OF CHARGE'S CALLS

REF: TANA 0511

1. I WAS INFORMED SHORTLY AFTER MARCH 20 ELECTIONS THAT MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WAS NOW RECEIVING CALLERS IN THE ORDER IN WHICH REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENTS HAD BEEN MADE BEFORE ELECTIONS. APPARENTLY I AM PRETTY FAR DOWN ON CHRONOLOGICAL LIST AS I STILL HAVE NOT BEEN GRANTED AN APPOINTMENT, IN SPITE OF REGULAR FOLLOW-UP CALLS TO CHIEF OF PROTOCOL.

2. ON APRIL 5, I INFORMED CHIEF OF PROTOCOL THAT DELAY IN CALLING ON FOREIGN MINISTER WAS BECOMING BOTHERSOME AS I WAS UNABLE THEREFORE TO TRANSACT BUSINESS WHICH I HAD WITH OTHER PARTS OF MALAGASY GOVERNMENT, SPECIFICALLY PRESIDENCY. I SPECIFIED THAT CERTAIN SUBJECTS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY MY PREDECESSOR WITH PRESIDENCY AND THAT I NOW HAD CERTAIN INFORMATION TO IMPART. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AGREED THAT I SHOULD LET PRESIDENCY KNOW ABOUT THIS DIRECTLY.

3. I PLACED A CALL TO SOLOFOSON ON APRIL 5 IN ORDER TO EXPLAIN SITUATION TO HIM. CALL WAS RETURNED BY HIS SECRETARY WHO SAID IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR SOLOFOSON AND I TO MEET IN PERSON RATHER THAN HAVE OUR FIRST CONVERSATION BY TELEPHONE. I THEN INFORMED SECRETARY THAT I HAD INFORMATION FOR HIM WHICH I WAS PREPARED TO PASS ON IN PERSON AND THAT I HAD SO FAR REFRAINED FROM DOING SO
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BECAUSE OF MY INABILITY TO SEE FOREIGN MINISTER. SOLOFOSON'S SECRETARY SAID SHE WOULD REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT FOR ME WITH HIM. I STILL HAVE NOT HAD A REPLY.

4. I NOW CONSIDER FOREIGN MINISTER'S UNWILLINGNESS TO FIND TIME TO SEE ME, OR TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION TO HIS SYSTEM OF MAKING APPOINTMENTS FOR THAT PURPOSE, AS AN INDICATION OF LACK OF

INTEREST IN BETTERING RELATIONS WITH THE US, IF NOT AN INTENDED SLIGHT. I WILL KEEP THIS IN RESERVE FOR USE SHOULD HE OR OTHER MALAGASY OFFICIALS BEGIN TO PROTEST TOO MUCH THEIR DESIRE FOR BETTER US-MALAGASY RELATIONS.

5. IN THE MEANWHILE I AM MEETING AT SOCIAL OCCASIONS VARIOUS OFFICIALS SUCH AS RECTOR OF UNIVERSITY, MAYOR OF TANANARIVE, PREFECT OF TANANARIVE PROVINCE, ETC. I TELL THEM THAT I WILL BE CALLING ON THEM OFFICIALLY AS SOON AS I HAVE COMPLETED MY REQUIRED CALLS ON FOREIGN MINISTER AND OTHER CABINET OFFICIALS. IN REPLY TO DIRECT QUESTIONS BY SOME JOURNALISTS, I HAVE SAID THAT I HAVE NOT HAD OCCASION TO MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER, AS LATTER IS APPARENTLY BACKED UP IN HIS APPOINTMENTS, DUE TO HIS PREVIOUS INVOLVEMENT IN ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN.

6. BUT I STILL LIKE IT HERE.BARRETT

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